









## Strategic Management, Analysis, Requirements and Technology Team

## Operable Units for Ordnance and Explosives

The undersigned parties agree that the Fort Ord Federal Facility Agreement provides an appropriate and dynamic framework and process to address the Army's ordnance and explosives response activities. The undersigned parties agree that these activities will be subject to all provisions of the Fort Ord Federal Facility Agreement. Further, the parties agree to establish one or more operable units for ordnance and explosives, taking into account: any past response activities that may have been conducted; whether ordnance and explosives have been associated with the site; the anticipated future land use of the site; and other relevant human health, environmental, and explosives safety considerations. In particular, the operable units should be structured in such a way as to expedite investigation, selection of appropriate response actions, implementation of response activities (if necessary), and transfer of properties that have been determined to be suitable for transfer.

The undersigned further direct their respective project managers to work cooperatively and expeditiously, to share information, to establish reasonable schedules, to submit and review required documents in a timely manner, and to conduct such other activities as may be necessary to ensure a timely and appropriate response.

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## PARTNERSHIP

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Based on the principle of solutions-oriented partnering, the undersigned are committed to resolving the challenge of cleaning Fort Ord property of ordnance and explosives to a safe level prior to transfer. The work should be done as safely and expeditiously as possible, while protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the communities and the environment.

The signatories agree to investigate forward-thinking approaches to consensus building, innovative procedures for cleanup, and policies that may currently be obstacles to the process. The signatories also agree to dedicate adequate resources, to the extent practicable, to support this effort. The focus will be to manage the cleanup and ordnance and explosives removal efforts such that the property at Fort Ord can be turned over to the intended recipients in a safe and timely manner pursuant to the regulatory responsibilities held by all signatories. The signatories have identified the following objectives:

- Involve stakeholders in the decision-making process, to include local and state regulators, the property recipients, and the community at large with a public involvement plan
- Evaluate current practices and emerging technologies to identify the most feasible approach for ordnance and explosives clearance – preparing the area, sampling, ordnance and explosives detection, detonation, and disposal.
- Assess, address/mitigate safety, health, environmental concerns before and during the clearance process
- · Identify cleanup priorities, criteria, and management
- Identify budget requirements
- Resolve policy and regulatory conflicts
- · Establish land use controls (if required) for transferred property

Transfer property as soon as safely cleared

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